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SUBJECT: FURTHER DTAILS ON NATHAN'S EXCURSION TO BEIRUT

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1. BEIRUT PRESS CONTINUED TREATMENT DEC 4 OF NATHAN'S VISIT DEC 2-3 IN LEBANESE CAPITAL, ADDING SOME DETAILS AND CONFUSION ABOUT WHO BLEW WHISTLE ON HIM. NATHAN REPORTEDLY ARRIVED CARRYING BRITISH PASSPORT IN NAME IVY ABRAHAM AND LISTING IRAN AS PLACE OF BIRTH.

2. WE NOTE AFP REPORT OF STATEMENT MADE BY NATHAN AFTER HIS RETURN TO PARIS AFTERNOON DEC 3. NATHAN ALLEGEDLY OBTAINED LEBANESE VISA IN MARSEILLES AND CAME TO BEIRUT TO CONTACT PALESTINIAN LEADERS. HE STATED THAT, WHILE HERE, HE CONTACTED PALESTINIAN ELEMENTS AND "LEBANESE FRIENDS" BEFORE TELPHONING LEBANESE AUTHORITIES TO INFORM THEM OF HIS PRESENCE.

3. FRENCH-LANGUAGE DAILY HERE, L'ORIENT-LE JOUR, TENDS
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CONFIRM NATHAN'S EFFORTS CONTACT FATAH REPS THROUGH UNNAMED

INTERMEDIARY BUT SAYS FATAH REJECTED THE ATTEMPT AND INFORMED
GOL THAT NATAN ON THE LOOSE.

4. COMMENT: EASE WITH WHICH NATHANBREEZED INTO TOWN HAS
CAUSED MINOR STIR LOCALLY, WITH NEWSPAPERS WHICH MISSED OUT
ON YESTERDAY'S COVERAGE WONDERING WHY LEADING DAILY NAHAR
KNEW MORE ABOUT SUBJECT THAN GOL. WE UNDERSTAND PASSPORT-
CONTROL AGENT ON DUTY AT AIRPORT HAS BEEN SUSPENDED AND
THERE MUST BE NERVOUS LEBANESE CONSUL IN MARSEILLES.
NATHAN AT LEAST, HOWEVER, REPORTEDLY FOUND TIME TO PURCHASE
GOLD-THREADED ABAYA BEFORE LEBANESE SECURITY MEN DESCENDED
UPON HIM.
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